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Carnarvon's Greg Foster takes a move face first in Earl's Hole at the Minden Whitewater Preserve on the Gull River on Tuesday, July 19 in Minden. Foster was with other freestyle paddlers, attempting various manoeuvrs. See more photos on page 17. /DARREN LUM Staff

AH council defers decision on Dimensions

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Algonquin Highlands council wants more time to review a zoning application that would allow a new hybrid tourism resort-health centre to offer more services.

The decision to defer on the application, which would allow Dimensions Algonquin Highlands to offer a variety of health services including a medical clinic and therapy sessions, was pleasing to some neighbours who oppose the business. Yet, it won't likely stop the resort from opening to guests soon at its location at 1218 Canopy Lane.

Elected officials made it clear they're not trying to reject the new business, which intends to capitalize on the new "wellness tourism" industry and offer guests an opportunity to work on their health through a variety of services, including psychedelic therapies.

"We like to be progressive in Algonquin Highlands," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, as the decision to defer was made at the Thursday, July 21 morning council meeting, which was held at the municipal building and broadcasted to a virtual audience. "But we like to be progressive and get it right."

Moffatt, who had previously been hesitant to take one side or the other in debates over whether Dimensions Algonquin Highlands was good for the community, offered that the new venture is "exciting."

"It's cutting edge," she continued. "It's not a denial, it's just a [request for a] reframed

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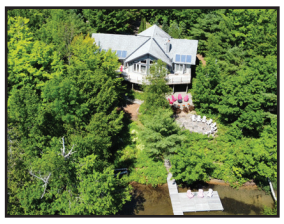
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Deferral gives Dimensions opportunity to fine tune application

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She also said that, although there's been some opposition to the resort given that it's not a typical tourism business, she recalls other zoning issues in the past drawing more opposition, so she's confident Dimensions Algonquin Highlands can eventually open smoothly.

The decision to defer will allow people from the company, which is officially known as Dimensions Health Centres Inc., to work with Algonquin Highlands chief planner Sean O'Callaghan and fine tune the application.

The application raised several safety and legal questions to councillors, such as how Dimensions plans on ensuring drugs on the site are stored safely.

Dimensions already has more than 20 staff working on the site, training and preparing to welcome the resort's first guests, likely in the fall. Those guests will have to pay out of their pocket to attend, as the centre's services are not covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

The opening will complete a long and trying process for the company. It was originally given permits to begin construction of the resort, which was on land already zoned for tourism. But when Algonquin Highlands officials learned it would not operate like a typical tourism resort and planned on offering health services, a stop work order was issued because the area wasn't zoned for health services.

The zoning application, which could be resolved as soon as the next council meeting, scheduled for Aug. 11, is likely the last major hurdle for the business to clear before fully opening.

The July 21 council proceedings included a public meeting, where residents could voice their thoughts on the application.

Three residents who live in the area – Amber Meirik, Carolyn Dartnell and Jim Spurgeon – spoke against the facility, citing a variety of reasons. The dominant theme was that they were concerned that Dimensions operates like a tourism resort, but really wants to be in the health business. They feel a rural area isn't the right place for a health centre as it would lead to increased traffic, environmental concerns and safety issues, particularly if people at the site are on drugs.

Yet, after the meeting Meirik and Dartnell both reported to the *Haliburton Echo/Minden Times* they were pleased with council choosing to defer a decision, expressing that they were glad their elected officials were scrutinizing the application.

"I would have been happier if they completely voted it down, but I can't emphasize enough the release I felt when I saw that councillors were listening to my concerns," said Meirik in a phone call later that morning."That made me feel an incredible sense of relief."

In an email, Dartnell wrote, "I think it is amazing that two women can stand up against a multi-million-dollar company and be heard. Congrats to the council for hearing us and deferring the vote."

During the meeting, councillors expressed that some of the concerns addressed by the presenters were issues that the municipality cannot control. They explained that the planning department and a zoning application can't weigh in on matters of whether a business should be obliged to put up a gate or how a new business might impact traffic at the local airport.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said all the municipality can do is look at issues it has control over and build a good working relationship with the applicant.

"I'm hoping there can be a continued working relationship with Dimensions; unfortunately a lot of concerns are outside of our jurisdiction," she said.

Throughout the process to get Dimensions up and running, its chief executive officer, Chris Dawson, has emphasized that the resort is not a drug rehabilitation centre.

Also, in a spring interview with the *Haliburton Echo/Minden Times* he explained the benefit of a facility like Dimensions is it can provide people a safe, supervised space to take medicines, while under the care of therapists.

A press release issued by the company in the spring said Dimensions will offer guests "healing modalities and plant medicines" including "cannabis and cacao, as permitted by the local municipality."

It also intends to allow guests to use psilocybin – more commonly known as magic mushrooms – to guests who have received approval by Health Canada to do so through a special access program.

AH mayor 'gobsmacked' by Bear Lake Road ownership reveal

Municipality will look at how it can help with maintenance

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

The long, winding story of how Algonquin Highlands should treat long, winding Bear Lake Road is taking another twist. Councillors from the municipality asked their staff to prepare a report on options for how it might help maintain the road, which recently uncovered historical documents that have revealed is a Crown road and not municipally owned.

The revelation, which Mayor Carol Moffatt said "gobsmacked" her, prompted her to apologize to residents at the July 21 council meeting. It also renewed a discussion on how the municipality should support residents, who live in the municipality, but not on roads that the municipality controls.

Moffatt said she learned of the ownership situation after meeting with a lawyer who represents Bear Lake Road residents. The documents provided, contradicted the long-standing belief that Bear Lake Road was a municipally owned road the municipality would only maintain in the summer.

A Bear Lake Road contractor had been providing snow plow services along the road since 2015, but municipal staff recently asked the contractor to stop, believing the municipality would be liable if any problems occurred, as they consider the road dangerous.

Bear Lake Road winds along Kimball Creek, East Jeannine Lakes and Clayton Lake in a rugged area of the municipality. Council believes about 120 people own properties in the area. Most are summer cottagers, but an increasing number want access to their properties in the winter.

Moffatt apologized to Bear Lake residents for "the years of angst" and said, "we believed we were doing the right thing based on the evidence." Who should maintain Bear Lake Road and to what extent has been debated by the municipality and residents, dating back to the 1970s. The newly-accepted fact that Bear Lake Road is a Crown road, changes things for the municipality, too. It means the municipality can provide maintenance services, such as snow plowing or summer grazing, but is not obliged to.

The municipality has been providing summer grazing services, for years, but has never been comfortable with having their own staff snow plow the road.

After a lengthy discussion, councillors voted to have municipal staff file a report for their September meeting, which would outline the benefits and drawbacks of upping the service level to the road. After that report, council intends to seek public input.

Moffatt said the situation could lead to a "win-win" in the end. She said the municipality could survey Bear Lake Road residents individually and find new solutions in the end, or start services on a trial basis to see if they work well.

Moffatt was remorseful for the mistake the municipality made, saying, "we unknowingly failed some people and we need to do better."

But she also called for residents to be respectful, pointing out the chief administrative officer Angie Bird received emails from angry residents that crossed a line.

"The personal attacks she has received in the last day or so are unwarranted and unacceptable," Moffatt said. "You can disagree with the process but attacks are unacceptable."

Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic chips in $40,000

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHSF) Foundation's Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic was a day of generosity and cheer following a two-year hiatus.

The event was back with 144 participants on Friday, July 22 for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and raised $40,000 to go towards new IV pumps for HHHS hospitals.

NHL player and Haliburton's own Matt Duchene, who plays for the Nashville Predators hockey team, said it's been important to help support local hospitals.

"Anytime you can raise money for your local hospital, it's important. We want to take care of the people in our community. It's an honour for me to lend my name to this and to have it named after me, it means a lot. There's a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes by so many great volunteers. I'm so grateful to them for the work they do, and it's just an honour to be here," he said just before the start.

Executive director of the HHHS Foundation Lisa Tompkins said that new IV pumps are necessary to provide optimal care to patients.

"These IV pumps are priority medical equipment to deliver needs for fluids, medication, blood, and blood products. The new "smart" equipment for HHHS will integrate with the new Clinical Information System implemented by HHHS in December of 2021," Tompkins said.

President and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Carolyn Plummer was thankful that the foundation was able to host the event following COVID-19 health measures.

"It's great to see everyone again. It's been a rough couple of years, and it's nice to see everybody back in action. It's nice to see the foundation having the opportunity to do what they do best. We have a beautiful day, so we're really, really happy about that," she said.

The event was held at the Blairhampton Golf Club for the first time.

Featured events of the day included a putting contest sponsored by new dealership, Haliburton Chrysler, a silent auction, barbecue lunch, a 50/50 draw, and special contests at specific holes on the course like the Minden Subaru Hole in One opportunity and a Hole in Two Wins contest with member of Team Canada Long Drive, Ken Long, driving balls 400 yards for any team that made a qualifying donation.

Duchene said he's been part of this fundraising golf event for the better part of his time in the NHL.

The NHL centre had been living in the United States throughout the pandemic and said that it was difficult to see the lack of community events happening in Haliburton County.

"It was really tough to be living normally in the States for the past two years and then coming up here and seeing everyone not being able to do things like this, because I know how much this tournament and other events mean to this community. It's so great that we've gotten that out of the way and now we can get back to having some fun and raising some money for a great cause at the same time."

Over the past 21 years, the tournament has been able to raise almost $1 million for hospitals and health care facilities in Haliburton County.

Member of Team Canada Long Drive, Ken Long, hits a ball more than 400 yards for a player who then attempted to hit a hole-in-two from where it landed. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Matt Duchene addresses the crowd of golfers by expressing his excitement to be back for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's fundraiser.

A left-handed golfer watches his ball fall on to the green.

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Minden Rotary celebrates 75 years with scavenger hunt

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

With the excitement of the Rotary Club of Minden's milestone, members of the club have created the Minden Rotary Scavenger Hunt and are inviting everyone to play.

This summer, Minden Rotary is celebrating 75 years of service to the community. The scavenger hunt is for residents, cottagers, and their families to learn about the projects that Minden Rotary has helped to complete in the community for close to eight decades.

"The idea is to celebrate 75 years of Rotary being part of helping Minden to grow and develop. Mentioned in the scavenger hunt are projects that some people aren't even aware of. It's just kind [of] a game, something fun for people to do for the local families that maybe aren't aware of the work that's been done," said the club's past-president Lynda Litwin.

"It's also for some new people that have moved into town that aren't aware of what Rotary's done and for the cottagers."

Seventy-five signs are located around Minden. The signs can be found at certain projects that Rotary has helped to finance and build. Signs can be found in the storefront window of a merchant as well. This is a way for the scavenger hunt to honor Rotary's partners and businesses that have supported their fundraising events over the years.

Minden Rotary is providing everyone with a flyer to help with hints as to where

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The Rotary Club of Minden is celebrating 75 years of service this year and has created a scavenger hunt for the community. On Monday evening, members of the club gathered to complete the hunt themselves. /GRACE OBORNE Special to the *Times*

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you can find all 75 of the signs.

Flyers can be picked up at Molly's Bistro Bakery, Dollo's Foodland, Easton's Valumart, the *Minden Times* office, TD Bank, CIBC, Minden municipal office, Dominion Hotel, Pharmasave, Remedy's RX, Up River Trading, Century 21, RE/MAX Professionals North, On the Spot Variety, Suwan's Thai Cuisine, Little Bit of Everything, Paulmac's Pets, Godfather's Pizza, Floyd Hall Insurance, Rising Thymes and Kawartha Dairy.

Litwin said the scavenger hunt is meant to be a fun activity for families during a few days of the summer.

"Families can break it up over a couple of days. You don't have to do it all at once. You can do it however you want to do it. There's no rules. It's just an experience to share with friends and family, to discover some of the work that Rotary has done."

Once all 75 signs have been found, the scavenger hunt is complete.

Rotary is encouraging families to fill out their flyers with their name and phone number and to bring them to the first-ever Rotaryfest to submit and be included in a draw for a chance to win a family prize.

Rotaryfest will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Minden Fairgrounds located on Bobcaygeon Road and Fleming Road.

The Minden Rotary club, along with their new president, Dave Woodcroft, came up with the idea of Rotaryfest which would be a great way to showcase community awareness.

"The significance of Rotaryfest to the community is the community awareness that we're going to generate. I don't think a lot of people understand how much we give. We have invited the other clubs because we want to celebrate volunteerism," Woodcroft said.

Food and music will be available to all attendees to enjoy. There will be a corn roast while CanoeFM and live musicians play.

The club will also put together a trunk yard sale where people can come and sell their belongings out of the trunk of their vehicle. Rotary is asking for a $10 donation from anyone that wants to be a vendor in the trunk sale.

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> — PAST–PRESIDENT LYNDA LITWIN

The Minden Curling Club will be open as well. Residents are encouraged to visit the curling club, see what they have planned this summer, and find out about memberships. The lounge will be opened at the curling club to provide air conditioning for the expected hot summer day. A game of bingo will be hosted at the bar of the curling club as well.

"Rotary has raised a lot of money by hosting bingo at the old arena. That's how we raised the money for helping to build the hospital and the build of the community centre," Woodcroft said.

As people come in for the day, Rotary encourages a voluntary donation.

"That's up to them. It's not required. We're trying to make this so that anybody in the community can attend. We want everyone to have fun and enjoy themselves," Woodcroft said.

For more information on the 75th anniversary Minden Rotary Scavenger Hunt or Rotaryfest, or to resister to be a vendor for the yard sale, email events@mindenrotary.ca.

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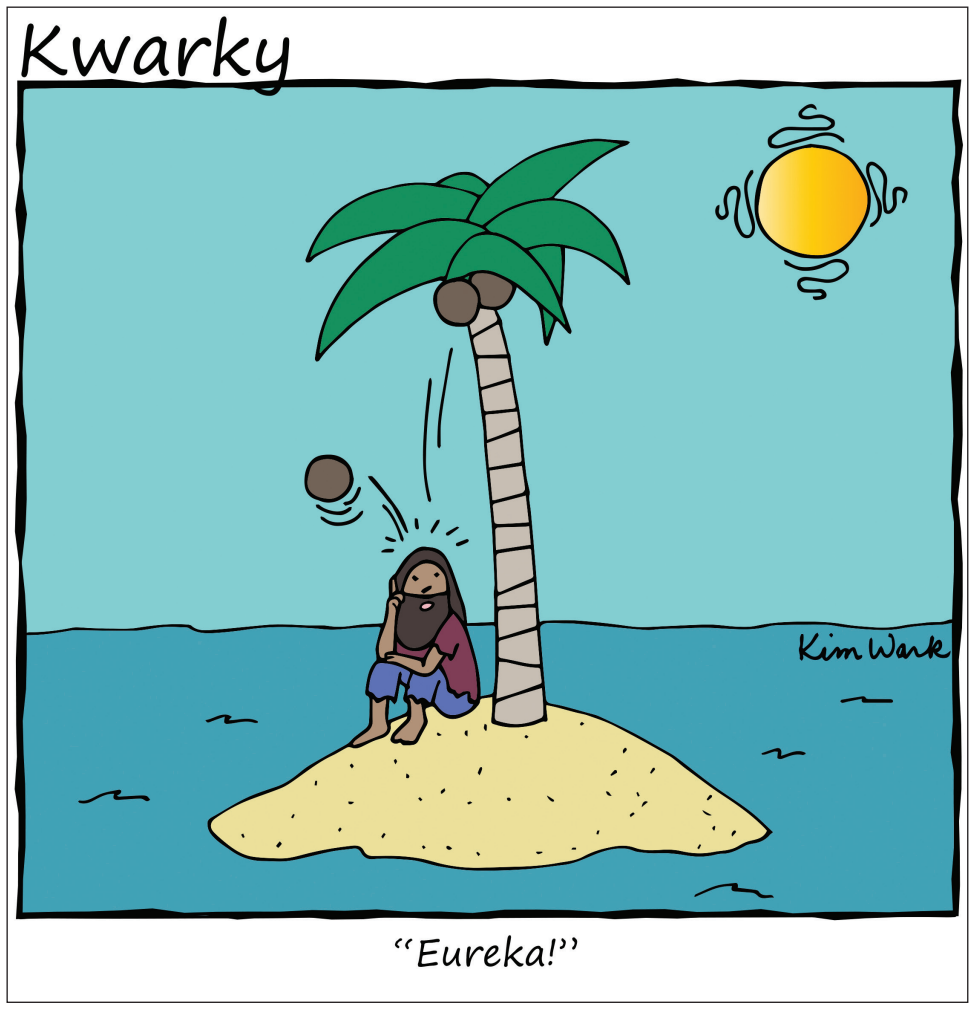

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This past week I was shooting photos of team's four and nine playing a game for the Minden Mixed Slo-Pitch League summer schedule.

It's been a few years since I've been to the ball diamonds to play or take photos in Minden, located behind the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

I admit to a bias for team nine, which is the team led by Brian and Karen Rivard, who I played with for several years before the pandemic-related health measures halted organized in-person events/activities.

Although the team's roster included players I didn't recognize from when I played, the same spirit and joy was evident despite the lopsided score, thanks to the formidable hitting and efficient fielding of team four, who are one of the league's best in the league.

DARREN LUM
Editor

Now, slo-pitch is not what most people would recognize as baseball. Diamond two is not the Rogers Centre, but it is one of two field of dreams for Minden.

There's no stealing. Pitches (with a grapefruit sized ball) are delivered underhand and strikes are called when a pitch hits the plate or its extended portion behind it on the fly. The outfield includes a "rover" position player who patrols the area between the infield and the outfielders, who typically stand close to the fence when the strategy requires it for heavy hitters the rover can become a fourth outfielders.

However, for all these differences at the core the game possesses the same attributes as baseball.

There is the same satisfaction of squaring up a ball and driving it for a gapper to the outfield, or a no-doubter that clears the fence by a dozen feet, leaving the outfielder with nothing to do but watch the ball sail overhead, or the fulfillment of fielding a liner at the hot corner or picking up a grounder in the hole between second and third and delivering a strike to first base to beat the runner for an out to end the inning.

The game between four and nine was relaxed, light. Players poke fun at each other about plays and actions taken (or more likely not). It's all done with a lightness and a smile. Sure, teams are looking to win, but for teams like my former team, it's about getting out and taking in the evening with others looking for an opportunity to not just get outside, but to connect with something that others share ... a joy for sport.

I wasn't playing and, yet, I felt the camaraderie and the engagement between teammates and opponents. A nod here and smirk there. More was said without saying a word. This is the value of sport, of engagement, of what it means to find your group and know what it feels to be seen by others.

When I see ball played I see life. It's with the families. The couples. The friends. The exchanges. The hope to complete a play. The spirit and connection in failed attempts and in successes, whether it's the third home run of an inning, which draws the team out for a line of whoops and high-fives, to a rare catch off a liner, which had both teams roar in approval and applaud.

To see the diamonds behind the town's shiny new jewel may not provoke any response by people walking by, but it's value is deeper and lasting with those that play there. And that's something you can't put a price on.

Preparing for a camping trip

I ONCE WATCHED the show *Hoarders* – but only because I thought it was a documentary about a person preparing for a modern camping trip. Of course, I knew I was mistaken after the first five minutes. That person didn't even come close to having enough gear.

I know. New campers are horrified by the thought of complicating a simple camping trip with too much gear. And some of them truly think that this is not something they will ever do. They actually think that they will "rough it" and "travel light" and "be one with nature" for the rest of their lives. Rookies!

STEVE GALEA
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Fortunately, all that goes out the window by the time they have recovered from their first camping trip – if they haven't blocked it out entirely. If not, the mere mention of "sleeping under the stars" will cause violent, nervous twitches, and any time the new camper hears the distant buzz of mosquitoes, they will begin to laugh maniacally and start swatting at thin air. Plus, they are always watching for rain clouds and listening for thunder.

Which is why they enter their second season with a more pragmatic attitude.

That's when the average new camper takes stock and remembers all the things he or she didn't have on the first trip – like fun, hope, or dry clothes. And also, the little things, like a reliable camp stove and a tent that is roomy enough and mosquito proof. And sleeping bags that are warm. And an inflatable ground mattress and ground sheet. And perhaps a proper set of camp cookware and a cooler. Oh, and a good lantern and maybe a cell phone charger. Plus, some sort of mosquito repelling unit. And bear spray. Yes, definitely, bear spray. And a flashlight that isn't so dim, plus a hatchet or collapsible saw. And a first-aid kit, a water purification unit, and a bigger backpack to carry it all in. And, you know, a canoe would be nice too. Along with paddles, personal flotation devices, and a safe boating kit. Or just a jet ski. I mean, how else are you going to commune with nature?

That's how it begins. And from here on in, camping becomes a race to purchase the kind of gear that makes "roughing it" a little easier. OK, a lot easier.

Before long the new camper has enough camping gear to outfit an expedition to Mount Everest, if they could just find enough sherpas to carry it all. Since they can't find these, they invest in a larger vehicle – something that can tow a little tent trailer and cartop a canoe. And fit a generator or two in the back.

This allows them to drive to campsites and take a little more "camping gear" along. You know, things like a camping beer fridge just like grandpa used to have. Add to that, camping chairs and tables and an overhead awning and mosquito tent. This is generally placed not too far from the barbecue and radio, which can help you commune with nature by listening to the ball game.

And, while we are on the topic of baseball, would a big screen TV hurt? I mean it is still technically roughing it if you don't have Netflix, right?

Well, yes, it is. So long as you don't make s'mores in the microwave.

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

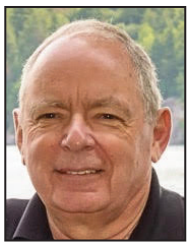
The monarchy: A needed tradition?

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words.

I'm looking at a picture that tells me everything I need to know with one seven-letter word – madness.

It's a wire service photo of a Buckingham Palace Queen's Guard soldier standing rigid and alert in the 40C plus heat that has been killing hundreds in Britain and Europe. The guard is wearing the traditional bearskin hat and red tunic.

Well, as Rudyard Kipling once said, and what Noel Coward put into song: "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noonday sun."



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

There is only one reason the Queen's Guard is standing in killer heat, and that is tradition.

British tradition is a form of insanity. Despite many efforts, no one has been able to cure it. The British simply do not want change.

Nothing represents the insanity more than the Queen's Guard. Their bearskin hats are 45.7 centimetres (18 inches) tall and weigh 1.5 pounds. Their red tunics are made of wool.

Those guards regularly faint in hot weather. So often in fact, that they are trained to faint properly - never losing a grip on their rifles (which are not loaded). Never swaying or putting a hand out to break the fall. They are told they must faint at attention, falling face first even though that likely means a broken nose and smashed teeth.

The British Army has spent money researching how to prevent fainting. And, considerably more on repairing noses and replacing teeth.

I'm not a medical researcher, but I can advise them how to prevent all that fainting: Ditch the heavy bearskin hats and the wool tunics.

There is no chance of that. Animal rights groups have protested the use of bearskins for the hats, but the army has said no way.

"The bearskins worn by the Guards are part of our proud military history and identity," says a British army spokesman. "There are no suitable alternatives."

End of discussion. Period.

The British royalty itself is no stranger to accusations of ignoring animal rights and of actual animal cruelty. The most recent are investigations into reports of shooting and poisoning of legally protected birds of prey at Sandringham, the Queen's rural retreat.

Also, Prince Edward has been accused of beating dogs during a hunt. Prince Phillip once was assailed for standing by and watching as an injured fox was clubbed to death.

And, the Queen was photographed eight years ago breaking with her bare hands the neck of a pheasant injured during a Royal shoot.

Meanwhile, those hot and heavy bearskin hats being worn in the killer heat come from Canadian bears.

They are not the only thing we Canadians are giving up to support British madness.

We pay roughly $60 million a year to support the British monarchy, which is the epicentre of nonsensical British traditions. Most of that money goes to support the Queen's representatives in Canada, the governor-general and the provincial lieutenant governors.

That's a lot of money for Canadian taxpayers to be coughing up considering more than half of them favour abolishing the monarchy in Canada.

A poll this past spring showed 63 per cent of Canadians personally favour the 96-year-old Queen. However, 67 per cent oppose her son becoming King Charles of Canada when she dies.

We would have to change our constitution to abolish the monarchy. That would cost money, create many headaches and much angry debate. It's probably better just to ignore the monarchy and let our connections to it simply fade away. Spend the money saved on ending some of the inequalities damaging our society.

Canada is a beautiful culturally diverse place where we share the languages, culture and traditions of a wide variety of ancestors. British culture and traditions are a part of us but we don't need to be paying millions of dollars a year for them.

Besides, we have our own crazy Canadian traditions, like buying milk in plastic bags, eating ketchup potato chips and mixing vodka with Clamato juice.

And, of course there is our famous New Year's Day tradition of donning swimsuits and jumping into ice cold waters for an annual polar bear swim.

Highland Yard participants Places for People president, Jody Curry, from left, and Highland Yard volunteers, Heather Taylor, Marla Force, and Pat Bradley, and P4P vice-president, Fay Martin came together following the completion of the "Heritage" distance and route on Wednesday, July 20. /Photo by Adele Espina

Inspirational 'Heritage' walkers show what's possible

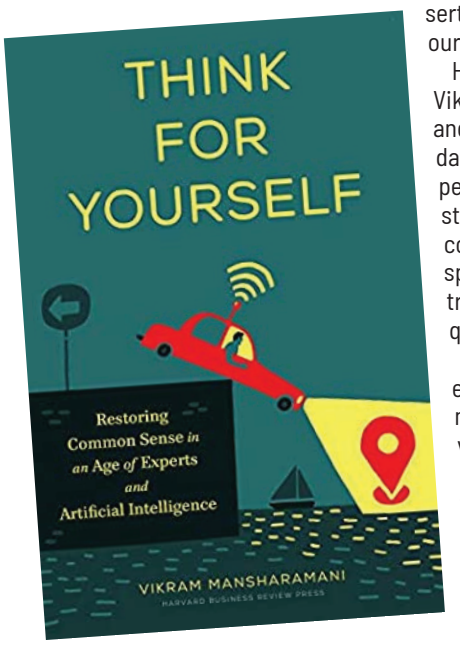
Imagine a hot, muggy, and sunny day with bugs flying and add to that five, active, and committed women walking the original route of the Highland Yard. With smiles and laughter, these fearless five walked "The Heritage," a distance of 7.3 kilometres from Camp Onondaga to the Rockcliffe in downtown Minden and raised more than $4,700 for Places For People. And the money is still coming in! Adele Espina, not pictured, was a major contributor as she drove the women to the starting point and photographed them.

All of the women expressed their delight in participating and raising money for such a worthy cause, affordable housing for Haliburton County. Registration has been extended to Aug. 10, so you too can support them or participate in the Highland Yard by going to www.highlandyard.ca. There you will find ways to either pledge a participant or register. If you wish not to run/walk a particular distance, you can register for fee as a fundraiser and begin to collect donations for Places For People.

The Highland Yard is virtual once again and to date has raised more than $17,000 for affordable housing in Haliburton County. Join us in celebrating 50 years of running in the Highlands and thanks to the fabulous five!

Submitted by Jack Russel

HCPL's Nonfic Pick - July



Have you ever followed your GPS device to a deserted parking lot? We've outsourced too much of our thinking. How do we get it back?

Harvard lecturer and global trend watcher Vikram Mansharamani shows in this eye-opening and perspective-shifting book, how our complex, data-flooded world has made us reliant on experts, protocols, and technology. In short, we've stopped thinking for ourselves. With stark and compelling examples drawn from business, sports, and everyday life, Mansharamani illustrates how, in a very real sense, we have relinquished our autonomy.

Of course, experts, protocols, and computer-based systems are essential to helping us make informed decisions. Mansharamani provides principles and techniques for integrating these information sources more effectively, and harnessing the value they provide, empowering readers with a more critical and nuanced approach to making decisions.

Think for Yourself is an indispensable guide for those looking to restore self-reliant thinking in a data-driven and technology-dependent yet overwhelmingly uncertain world.

This election is an opportunity to make a difference

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

If you've always wanted to make a difference in your community, now is the time to put your name forward.

The 2022 Municipal and School Board Election is only a few months away, and voters may find that they have a lack of candidates to choose from.

Haliburton County residents will vote to elect a mayor, deputy mayor, members of council, and trustees for English and French public school boards in their respective townships on Oct. 24.

Currently, in the Township of Minden Hills and the Township of Algonquin Highlands, only one person has filed nomination for eight of 16 positions and some even sit vacant.

This means that if nobody else puts their name forward, these candidates will be declared elected by acclamation.

Liz Danielsen, current deputy mayor of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, wrote in an email, "When a seat does become available, as I believe remains the case in all four member municipalities, I would urge folks who have a genuine interest in their community and its growth to come forward. While it can be a learning curve and seem a bit daunting, there are lots of supports offered to help make the job easier."

In the Township of Minden Hills, the nominations are as follows; Bob Carter for mayor, Lisa Schell for deputy mayor, Tammy McKelvey and Trevor Chaulk for councillor at large, Jennifer Hughey, Ivan Ingram, and Shirley Johannessen for Ward 1 councillor, Pam Sayne for Ward 2 councillor, and Gary Brohman for English public school board trustee. There are currently no nominees for Ward 3 councillor.

Township of Algonquin Highlands nominations are Liz Danielsen and Mike Lang for mayor, Jennifer Dailloux for Ward 3 councillor, Lisa Barry for Ward 2 councillor, Julia Shortreed for Ward 1 councillor, and Gary Brohman for English public school board trustee.

Danielsen said there could be a variety of factors contributing to the lack of candidates at this time.

"Often individuals who are thinking about it like to wait until the last minute to determine who their competition might be. It could be that folks are generally frustrated these days, particularly in the aftermath of COVID-19 and all the lifestyle changes that have hit them, and are giving up hope that anything will ever change, not realizing that they could be part of the solution," she said.

To become a candidate in the Township of Minden Hills, visit mindenhills.ca/clerks-department/elections/. For candidate instructions and information for the Township of Algonquin Highlands, visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca/candidate-information.php.

The filing fee is $200 for mayoral candidates and $100 for other council and school board positions.

In the 2018 Minden Hills municipal election, only 33.77 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots at the polls. Algonquin Highlands had the lowest turnout in the county with only 12.9 per cent of voters taking to the polls.

To check to make sure that you are registered to vote in the 2022 Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections, go to voterlookup.ca.

If you are a Canadian citizen, 18 years or older, and either live in the municipality, own or rent property in the municipality, or if your spouse owns or rents property in the municipality, you are eligible to vote in the upcoming municipal election.

A "So you want to run for Council?" information session was held on April 26 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton to educate those interested in learning more about municipal council and the roles and responsibilities of those elected.

"Council represents the public. Members of council are out in the community bringing concerns of people in the community to the council table," said municipal coach Fred Dean during his information session.

To watch the information session, visit www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/2022-municipal-and-school-board-election.aspx.

Time is running out, and now is your chance to be able to have your voice heard in your community.

Fantastic finds, foods featured at fundraiser

Long-time cottager of Irondale, Lucky Katsuras, is seen participating in the country raffle during the Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, July 23 at the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre in Gooderham. Organized by the Bark Lake Cultural Developments, the event is a fundraiser for Irondale's heritage building, also known as the Irondale Church. /GRACE OBORNE Special to the *Times*

Irondale residents and cottagers enjoyed a wild game dinner at Robert McCausland Memorial Centre in Gooderham. Bark Lake Cultural Developments is a volunteer driven organization that arranged the dinner for Irondale's community.

Great food was prepared and served a feast for Irondale residents, family, and friends.

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Time: 3 pm **Location:** Minden Library

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Time: 5 pm
Location: EAT Cheeserie + Cocktails

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TRIVIA NIGHT
Time: 7 pm **Location:** The Dominion Hotel

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Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** Pinestone Resort

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A presidential transition for Minden Rotary

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

Dave Woodcroft, nwho has been the club's president since July 1, joined the club about a year ago. He was a volunteer for the vaccine clinics and realized there was more to do for the community through Rotary. Woodcroft has been president since July 1.

Permanent resident of Minden, Dave Woodcroft, is excited to be the current president for the Rotary Club of Minden.

While only joining the Rotary Club of Minden a little over a year ago, Woodcroft has already stepped up to the plate and is taking a crack at leading. As of July 1, he assumed the presidency when Lynda Litwin stepped down.

Although Woodcroft has been a cottager in the county since he was just a few months old, he moved up here two years ago.

"I'm relatively new to Minden Rotary. I got into Rotary with the volunteers for the vaccine clinic during the pandemic," Woodcroft said.

In the short time that Woodcroft has been around, the Minden club has become important to him. He has seen the value in the club and believes in its work of giving back to the community.

"The clinic was run by Rotarians, and I got to meet a lot of them. I believe in community giving, and Rotary seemed to be upfront during the pandemic. When I saw this, I thought to myself, 'I think I'll join them.'"

Woodcroft said he wants bring in energy and new, especially young, members.

"I see a huge value in Rotary, and we don't need people getting burnt out and leaving. We're a small community and a small club. We need to be generating energy. I have some ideas and I am energetic so I think I can boost the club a little. We are looking for more members, not for their dues, but just for their ability to work," Woodcroft said.

He wants to bring positive change to the environment in the area as well.

"I'd like to find a local environmental project for us to latch onto so I'm looking to see if there's an environmental project that we can start. I'm looking at how we can raise money and use our manpower to bring it to its fruition," he said.

Minden has welcomed Woodcroft in with open arms and are eager to start working with him.

"I've had nothing but a positive response and welcome. We've actually received a request for a new project in Minden that is soon to come, hopefully. That's what has been positive. That immediately someone reached out to me and said, 'Hey, I've got a project.' I've noticed that more people know who I am, and I haven't really done anything yet except for having been at a few events."

Litwin, as past president now, sees Woodcroft as a great president for Minden Rotary. She too, has noticed his enthusiasm and excitement for the town.

"Dave was new to the club and is really enthusiastic. He has experience from other organizations, and I think he is going to be a great fit as president. He's going to do a great job in his own way."

Litwin recalls her time as president, extends her gratitude to the community, and ensures Minden that she'll be an active member of the club as past president.

"My time as president: This past year was wonderful. Learning to work the Rotary program and events as everyone became more comfortable post the first couple of COVID pandemic waves was interesting. Respect became the word of the day. Respecting how people felt about interacting and whether we Zoomed or met in person. Respecting how we previously did things and had to tweak that. Respecting new ideas from our five new members that were learning about Rotary in a changing time.

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>
> — PAST–PRESIDENT LYNDA LITWIN

Every year on July 1st a new president in every level of Rotay takes over. I started the year asking the members that were comfortable to meet every other week at Rotary Park. This gave members comfort in meeting in an outdoor setting. It was wonderful to SEE each other again after two long years of Zooming. We still met via Zoom when it made sense. Zoom has saved our out-of-town speakers hours of being on the road and we could meet with them from our homes. At Thanksgiving, we moved the weekly meeting to the Dominion [Hotel Pub] into their dining room, which we had exclusively. That gave the members a level of comfort as well. It also provided us with WiFi and tech for presentations.

I was approached by the regional health unit to lead the volunteers for the COVID mass vaccination clinic that was hosted in Minden at the new arena. I responded that I would take the request to Rotary and we had Sally Moore come forward to lead the volunteers with her good friend Pat Bradley. The Rotary members did shifts when possible and we were overwhelmed with the over 200 volunteers that came forward from the community that helped to fill in the shifts during the clinic. Sally and Pat did an excellent job in working with the regional health unit, leading the volunteers and making Rotary proud in our community. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this happen.

Lynda Litwin has served as the club's president for the last year. Before this term, Litwin served six years ago as president. /GRACE OBORNE

Rotary hosted our road toll with Bill Roodenburg leading us for the first time in a couple of years. We had our new member John Kerr host our first ever golf tournament and dined outdoors at the Gull River Golf Course. Our Christmas Online Auction led by Sharon Foster was successful again with customers and we polled the real estate agents in the community for donations and recommended that they support their favourite local business for their donations. Another new member Tracy Ferguson led the club with the arena open house barbecue in May.

In June, Betty Mark led us when we hosted our 75th Anniversary Dinner Gala with a scaled back auction area in respect of the local businesses that struggled through COVID; we approached local contractors that have done well during COVID and they supported our dinner gala with auction items. The previous Rotary presidents that gathered for this special celebration truly enjoyed the evening. Barry Cray led us in our food service on Canada Day this year which was another fun filled event. We enjoy our relationship with the Interact (high school club) and Rotaract (young adult Rotarians) and support their puzzle sales fundraiser.

As past president of the club, I will continue to stay involved on the executive and help the new president in any way I can. I truly enjoy my Rotary family on Monday nights. Working together to make the community better is very rewarding."

For more information about Minden Rotary visit www.mindenrotary.ca.

Emotions run deep for last service for Maple Lake United Church

120 year history ends with love and grief

by **GRACE OBORNE**
Special to the Times

Churchgoers of Maple Lake United Church gathered for the last service on July 17. After 120 years since the first congregation, the church has disbanded, leaving residents of the community grieving. /GRACE OBORNE Special to the *Times*

Churchgoers and their families gathered for the last time on a hot Sunday afternoon to fill the pews of the little white church that love and faith built. The afternoon was spent remembering the countless services of worship and sacraments that were celebrated for decades.

On Sunday, July 17, Maple Lake United Church held its last service after members voted to disband the congregation on Jan. 30 after 120 years since the first congregation of the then-new building.

Reverend Max Ward explained the primary reason for the disbandment was due to the lack of attendance and financial aid.

"The decline over the years has resulted in that January decision to close to church permanently. The church had a lack of members and friends who were attending regularly and contributing to the finances of the church which resulted in it not being sustainable any longer," Max said.

During the service, members took turns recounting the church's milestones and their fondest memories in the church. Long-time member and music director of the church, Deloris Sawyer Bailey, shared what it was like to have grown up in this congregation with the Maple Lake community.

"When I was ten years old, Mom and Dad decided to move to Maple Lake. Mom and Dad didn't attend church, but Mom would send us kids to Sunday school. When I lived in Weston, I attended Sunday school at the Weston Baptist Church. I think we went there because it was the closest church to where we lived. When we moved to Maple Lake, I attended Sunday school at the little white church on the corner," Deloris said, referring to the church's location on Highway 118 and Stanhope Airport Road. "My sister was married by this time, and I don't remember my brothers going to Sunday school with me. I would walk to and from the Maple Lake Church to attend Sunday school. I don't remember what time Sunday school was, but it was after lunch, and the church service followed right after Sunday school. I usually walked home following Sunday school, and as I left the church, the pews would be filled with families from Maple Lake and West Guilford for Sunday worship."

Christena Barry and her husband, Don, have been members of the church since Aug. 7, 2016. To keep the building everlasting, the Barry's fundraised for the church often. The Barry's recall their fundraising as one of her many memorable moments with the church.

"Don and I also did quite a bit of fundraising for the church. We did a carpet sale to raise money for the church where we set up just like a store in the basement of the church, and we did a carpet sale. We sold everything at our cost and turned all monies over to a little church," Barry said.

At the service, the congregation sang hymns such as *Amazing Grace.* They were accompanied by United Church's admired organist Kathleen Owens, who held the post for nearly 65 years. When speaking to the *Times* after the last service, Owens expressed utter sadness over the church closing.

"It's been years and years, so I feel very sad that the church is closing, but I guess we now have to move on. I'm

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sad that's the way it must be," Kathleen said.

Kathleen was accompanied by Bill Gliddon, long-time organist for St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. Although Bill was never the church's regular organist, he has been there for the significant moments.

"Every year we had a Valentine's Day concert for the church, which was really neat. They always asked me if I would bring some of my choir from St. George's to participate, and because Kathleen Owens was the organist there, we, of course, had a great time. We did that every year," Bill said.

He credited Kathleen for her dedication, and he appreciated their past collaborations.

"I've been organist for 60 years, specifically at St. George's, but she's been organist for over 60 years at Maple Lake United. Together, we go back over a century, well over a century. She's been the one who has been so faithful there and so I certainly want to give her all the credit. I've helped her when she's needed it."

Loyal members of Maple Lake United have been grieving the loss of their little white church. For Christena, like many others, the closing of the church has been heavy.

"We are in the middle of grieving because it's like a death. It's a life that has ended, and while we've done the celebration of the life of the church, the church is now no longer going to be known as what we knew it as," she said.

The closing of the church has made room for faithful churchgoers of Maple Lake United to feel confused and sad about their next steps.

"I think for a lot of people, it's hard. For me, I've learned to be adaptable, but some are kind of set in their ways. I know that some of the people that attended the church, they have lived in the Maple Lake area all their lives. I don't think others, whether they can't, or don't want to adapt to another church. It's because Maple Lake is where their heart is. My heart is there too," Deloris said.

Christena is troubled about what she and her husband will do next.

"I am getting a lot of mixed feelings for wondering what is going to happen. What will the end result be? What will our decision be, as to where we turn to for our worship? Will it be worshiping by a river somewhere, under a tree? Will it be worshiping in another church? Where are we going to turn now? We're not sure yet," she said.

Max, being the worship leader for Highland Hills United Church as well, has invited everyone to join him there for worship and community.

After the final service, the Maple Lake church family stood outside to embrace one another, to reminisce about the good times, and to give thanks to the building that provided them a safe place to worship.

"How wonderful though, was it to have met everybody through the church that we did and to have had those people as our church family, including Max. Then for us to have come together at the end," Christena said.

The little white church on the corner of Hwy 118 and Stanhope Airport Road was full of life and love for the last service. Many have moved away but returned to say on one last goodbye.

Reported COVID cases

This COVID-19 Dashboard information is provided by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. The number of COVID-19 cases reported on this page includes only lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19, hospitalizations and ICU admissions due to COVID-19, and deaths related to COVID-19, occurring since Jan. 1, 2022 among residents who resided in the HKPRDHU region at the time they were identified as a case. This information is accurate as of Wednesday, July 20.

New Lab Confirmed Cases Reported Today

3	33	33	73 *
Haliburton	Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	Total

Note: *County of residence may be pending for some cases but are included in the overall Health Unit total; Lab confirmed cases include only those confirmed with a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test by an appropriate laboratory; Positive results from Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are NOT included in the number of cases of COVID-19 reported to or by the Health Unit.

Current Outbreaks of COVID-19 (high-risk settings)

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COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022

County	CSDNAME	Active cases (current)	Total 2022 cases	Rate	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Minden Hills	0	101	1526.37	83	18	3	2
Haliburton	Dysart et al	2	190	2785.92	130	60	8	3
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	2	26	1027.26	26	0	1	0
Haliburton	Highlands East	1	52	1478.53	47	5	1	1
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	28	2894	3556.68	1,925	969	72	26
Northumberland	Cramahe	1	175	2710.24	158	17	8	2
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	2	235	2987.54	211	24	6	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	2	250	2040.98	221	29	6	0
Northumberland	Brighton	4	355	2805.22	315	40	15	3
Northumberland	Port Hope	5	409	2349.90	289	120	6	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	3	551	4125.18	294	257	18	5
Northumberland	Cobourg	5	691	3389.58	431	260	15	3
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	55	5929	3100.49	4,130	1,799	159	49

Notes: Cases with an unknown or missing geography are excluded from the table above. Municipality (Statistics Canada's census subdivisions) is assigned by Postal Code, via Statistics Canada's Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF) using the single link indicator. A single postal code may physically exist within more than one municipality but is only assigned to one municipality through the PCCF file. The county of Kawartha Lakes is a single-upper tier municipality and does not contain lower-tier municipalities like Haliburton County and Northumberland County.

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Generosity in Canning's wake

Canning Lake resident and regular kayaker, Cindy Platz, participated in Kayak Canning for a Cause. All proceeds from Kayak Canning were raised for Haliburton Highlands Health Services. /GRACE OBORNE Special to the *Times*

Below, cottager, Julien Flaherty, showed off his kayaking skills during Kayak Canning for a Cause.

Paddlers prepared to set off for a hot summer morning journey around Canning Lake on July 23.

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Answers on page 18

Township of Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Gorman et Al
Lot 3, Concession 2
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 2, and part of Lot 3, Concession 2 designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 372, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 2, and part of Lot 3, Concession 2 designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 372, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: PART of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 2, and part of Lot 3, Concession 2 designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 372, geographic Township of Stanhope, described as Parts 1 & 4 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10631.

SECONDLY: PART of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 2, and part of Lot 3, Concession 2 designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 372, geographic Township of Stanhope, described as Parts 2 & 5 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10631.

THIRDLY: PART of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 2, and part of Lot 3, Concession 2 designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 372, geographic Township of Stanhope, described as Parts 3 & 6 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10631.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **11th day of August, 2022** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: July 27th, 2022

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Summer Sizzlin' Service, a multi-church event, is returning to promote unity and faith after a three-year absence at the bandshell at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Sunday, July 31 at 10:30 a.m. /Photo submitted

Faith, hope and unity takes centre stage at bandshell

Sizzlin' Summer Service returns to Haliburton

by **DARREN LUM**
Editor

Unity and faith is at the heart of the upcoming multi-church event, the Summer Sizzlin' Service.

This event returns after a three-year absence with the collaboration of area churches such as the Haliburton United Church, the West Guilford Baptist Church, the Lakeside Church, the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, the Lochlin United Church, the Ingoldsby United Church and the Minden Bible Church.

Harry Morgan, pastor of the United Church, is welcoming the public from any denomination and faith to attend this unique coming together of churches event at the bandshell in Head Lake Park on July 31 at 10:30 a.m. in Haliburton.

"Everyone is welcome to the Sizzlin' Summer Service. We've waited three years! Come and enjoy beautiful scenery, a celebration of Christian unity and wonderful music. Come and catch the joy!" Morgan said.

He said this service hitting its 13th year is even more important than ever with how much division there has been in the world recently.

The itinerary for the service, which will last close to 1.5 hours, will include live music, both contemporary and traditional hymns and sermons, which will include newest pastor Shaun Turner from the West Guilford Lakeside Baptist Church.

The service will include a children's component led by West Guilford's co-pastor Amy, Shaun's wife. The co-pastors have taken over the duties from retired pastor Brian Plouffe.

A collection will be taken at the service and donated to the Heat Bank Haliburton County and the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre in Haliburton.

Instead of a rain date, this event will move indoors to the Lakeside Church.

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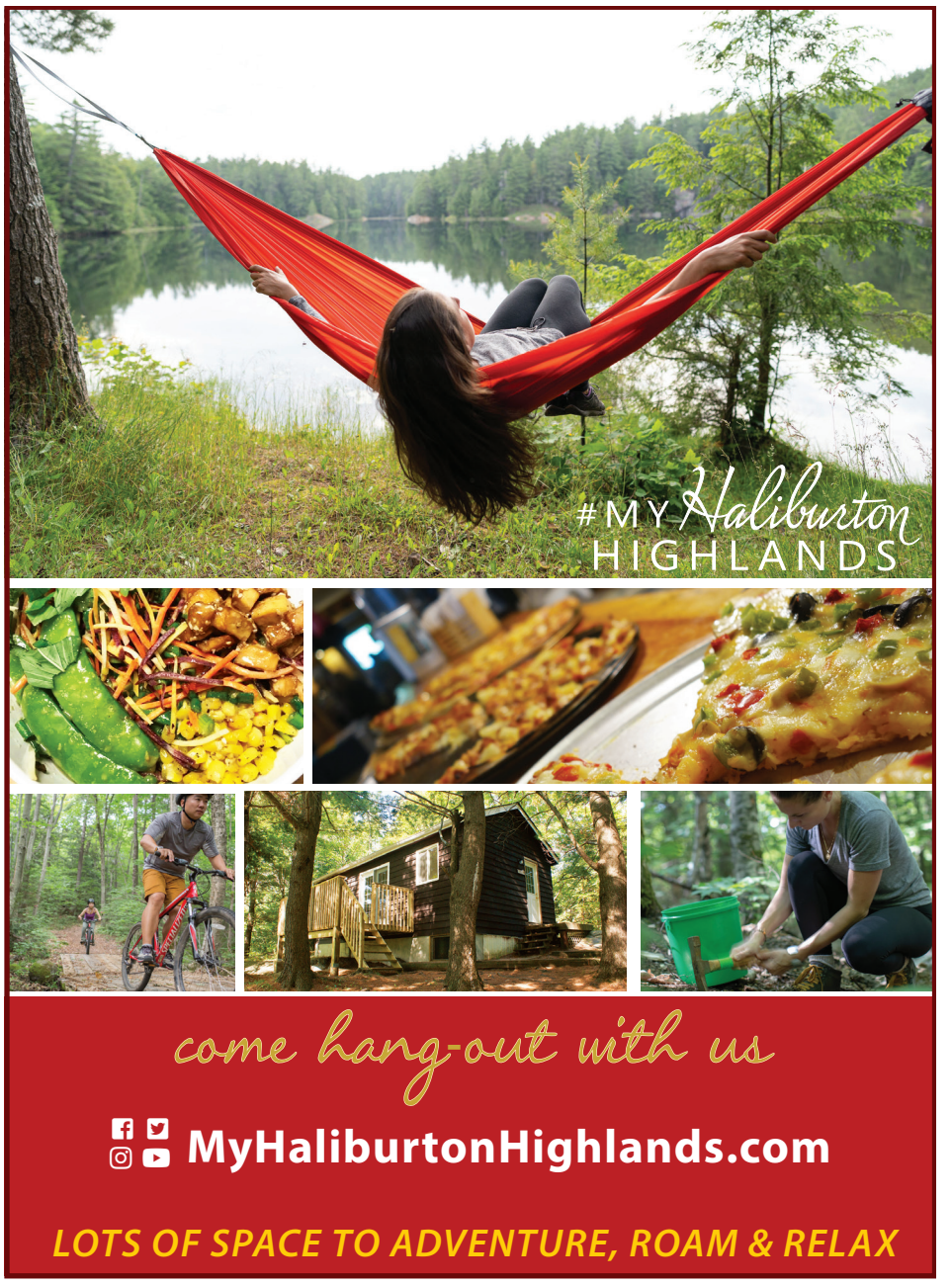

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Tysdale
Lot 2, Concession 7
Geographic Township of Stanhope

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 2, Concession 7, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: PART of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 2, Concession 7, geographic Township of Stanhope, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10626.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 11th day of August, 2022 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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Terry Fox Foundation seeking leader for Minden

On Sept. 18 hundreds of thousands of people across Canada will lace up their sneakers to participate in the annual Terry Fox Run to raise funds for cancer research. Now in its 42nd year, the event continues to stay true to its roots with a non-competitive, grassroots and family-oriented spirit, with communities all over Canada joining together to realize Terry Fox's vision of a world without cancer.

We are currently seeking new volunteers to organize the Minden Terry Fox Run. The roles of run organizer and event volunteers are currently open. Since 1994, Minden has hosted an annual Terry Fox Run and contributed more than $335,000 to cancer research. The Terry Fox Foundation will work closely with the volunteer chair and provide support, training, and materials to ensure the success of this year's Run.

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Forty-two years have passed since that cold April morning when Terry Fox set out on his Marathon of Hope on the easternmost edge of our nation. In the ensuing years, millions of Canadians have followed in his footsteps to forge a uniquely Canadian event.

Our greatest strength is the extraordinary team of Terry Fox volunteers that span the country from coast to coast, a human chain linked by a common purpose – to make a positive difference in the fight against cancer. They also share many of the attributes Canadians hold most dear: dedicated and driven, helpful and humble and, above all, they are caring and compassionate.

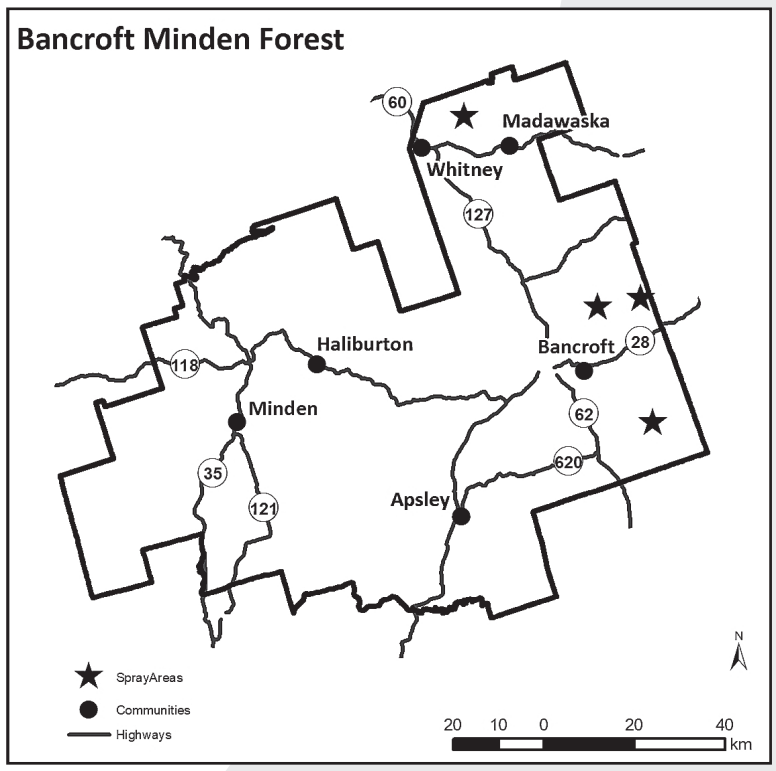
If you are an enthusiastic and organized individual who possesses exceptional leadership skills and wants to make a difference in the world, please, reach out to the Ontario regional coordinator to help organize the Minden Run and make a difference.

Submitted

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project for Bancroft-Minden Forest

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved aerial herbicide project. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **Bancroft-Minden Forest** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: **September 1, 2022.**



The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available electronically for public inspection by contacting the Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC) during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at **https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online** beginning **June 1, 2022 until March 31, 2023** when the Annual Work Schedule expires. The treatment locations are in the eastern portion of the unit in the townships of Monteagle, Carlow, Cashel and Whitney. Landowners and First Nation Communities within 1 kilometre of the treatment area will be contacted in a separate letter.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange a remote meeting with MNRF staff to discuss the aerial herbicide project. For more information, please contact:

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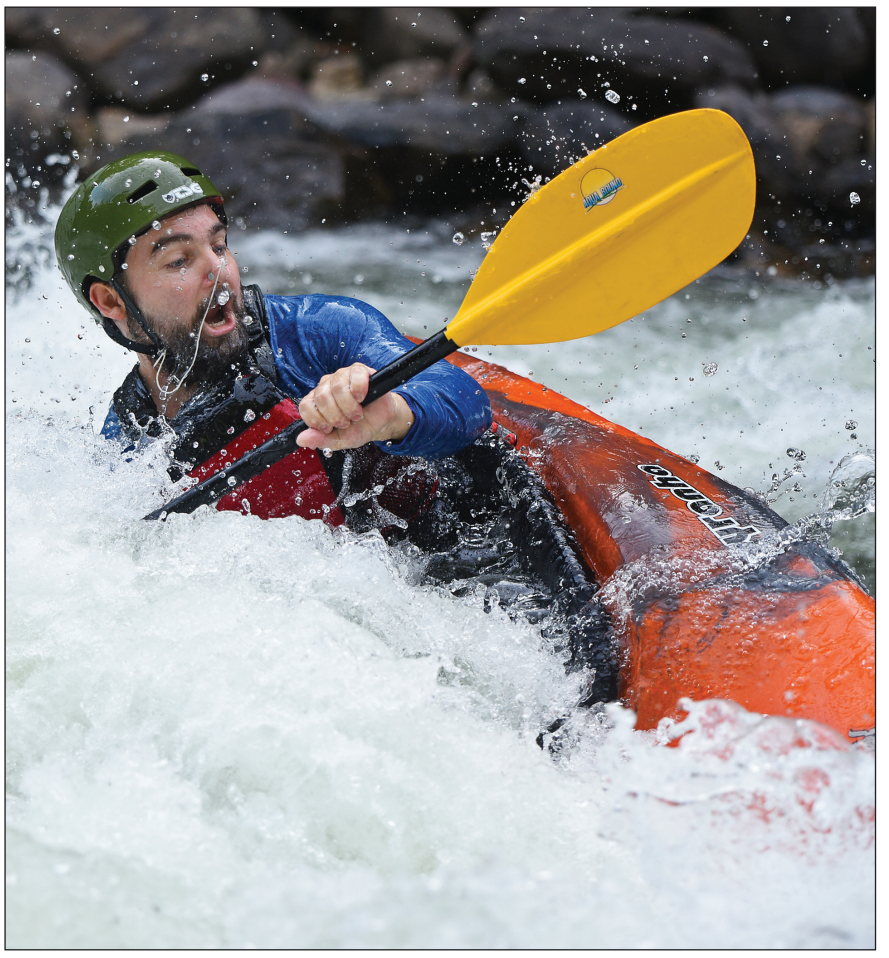
Ontario

Waking up the senses

National team member Laura Silverthorne, who recently competed at the 2022 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in the United Kingdom, takes a turn in Earl's Hole at the Minden Whitewater Preserve on the Gull River on Tuesday, July 19 in Minden. Look for a story about Silverthorne in an upcoming *Minden Times* issue. /DARREN LUM Staff



Litchwark of Vankoughnet paddles into Earl's Hole at the Minden Whitewater Preserve.

With national team member Silverthorne looking on ahead, freestyle paddlers, from left, Chris Varga, Greg Foster, and James Litchwark take a break from paddling .

Carnarvon's Foster holds his position, but goes near vertical.

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He gave 100% to everything he did - from guiding at his dads hunting camp at an early age to starting his own construction business. For him, his family was his greatest accomplishment and we had no choice but to grow big and strong under his guidance and love. His teachings were simple. Be the best you can be. Do what you say you're going to do. Always be ready to step up and help.

His family was the most important thing to him and he made sure we all knew it. We basked in the love and laughter – of which there was a never-ending supply.

Vernie, as his buddies called him, loved to get together with family and friends and play guitar, singing the oldies. Singing Papa was how his little ones referred to him. His high standards and sharp wits kept everyone around him honest and wanting to be better. Papa was a force to be reckoned with and the one guy you wanted in your corner no matter the situation.

He made such an impact in the lives around him that he will live on in all of us.

A private graveside ceremony will be held for the family. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Heritage days

It was hard work being one of the county's first settlers as event's visitors discovered

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The sky's the limit

After coming in second twice, runner finally breaks the ribbon at Minden's Highland Yard

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In Quotes

"There have always been squeakers, meaning you can just squeak through - but this could be a crash

Casey Cox, page 6

Darren Lum/TIMES

Bright lights, big smiles

Smiles were all around as Kelsei Campbell and Becky Wu wait to get on the ferris wheel at last Wednesday's Minden Rotary Carnival. The midway was once again a big draw for families who also enjoyed the other offerings of the club. More photos page 10.

Mad Cow crisis forces cattle farmers to weigh their options

by ERIN TENNANT
Times staff

Caught in the middle of a Mad Cow scare and so far stranded by the province's aid package for beef producers, Haliburton County's cattle farmers are considering keeping their stocker calves over the fall and selling them as meat come winter.

Since the United States closed its border to Canadian beef, after a single case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) was discovered in Alberta on May 20, the county's 50 cow/calf farmers have watched the market slump to its current all-time low. They feel unprotected when it comes to selling their January- and February-born calves this fall to feedlot producers who grow the calves into cows.

Dwain Wruth, who owns a 500-acre farm in Lochlin with 25 calves, expects to sell his average 600-pound calf for about 50 cents a pound this October and November, compared with $1.40 a pound the same time last year.

Meat cows meanwhile were fetching between 5 cents and 13 cents per pound at the Lindsay Sales Barn last Friday, compared with about 65 cents just before the Mad Cow scare.

"If the feedlot farmers can't sell their cattle, they

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Minden Hills chooses architect for new office

by ERIN TENNANT
Times staff

A design architect has been chosen for a new municipal office for Minden Hills despite concerns that ratepayers may bear the burden of building costs.

Minden Hills council voted unanimously last Monday to appoint Duncan Ross from Huntsville to lead the design of a single-storey municipal building on an existing parking lot beside the Minden Curling Club.

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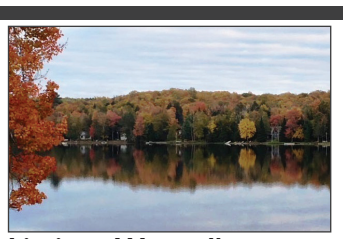

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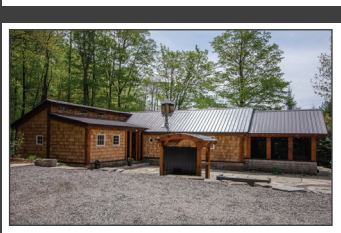

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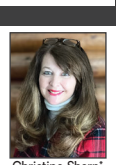

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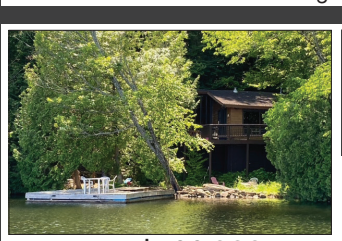

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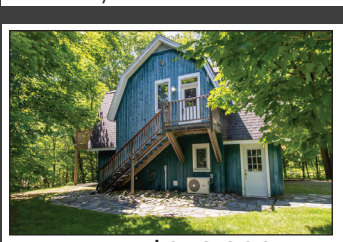

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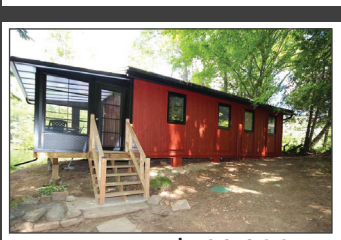

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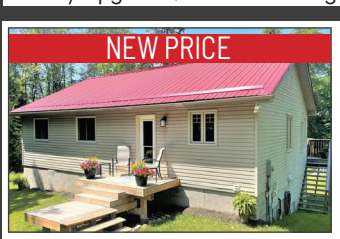

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